

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

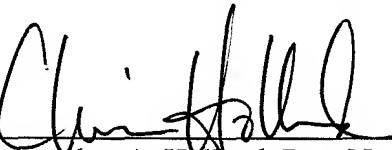
The amendments to the claims are presented to limit charges associated with applications having more than 20 claims. These amendments are not related to reason of patentability.

Consideration of the above amendments are respectfully requested because no new material was added and filing has occurred prior to any consideration by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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